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The Honorable Lindsay C. Warren  
Comptroller General  
General Accounting Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: Terminal leave payments to employees  
in grade GS-15 and above who left  
the Federal Service during the period  
November 1, 1952, to February 15, 1953.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication of 16  
February 1953 from the Acting Comptroller General asking  
for subject information, pursuant to a request received  
from the Committee on Appropriations, House of Represent-  
atives.

As you are aware, Congress specifically made the  
Director of Central Intelligence responsible for the pro-  
tection of intelligence sources and methods from un-  
authorized disclosure (paragraph 102(d)(3) of the National  
Security Act of 1947), and pursuant to this responsibility  
and in order further to implement it, provided in Section 1  
of the Central Intelligence Act of 1949 that the Agency  
shall be exempted from the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 654 and  
the provisions of any other laws which require the publica-  
tion or disclosure of the organization, functions, names,  
official titles, salaries or number of personnel employed  
by the Agency. This section further provided that in fur-  
therance of its provision, the Director of the Bureau of  
the Budget shall make no reports to the Congress in connec-  
tion with the Agency under 5 U.S.C. 247 (b). This provision  
of law was enacted on the grounds that the personnel figures  
and facts of this Agency are of most secret nature and their  
revelation would be of great assistance to enemy or inimical  
foreign powers.

We believe, therefore, that the Congress will want to continue the protection of this information and will accordingly wish to exempt this Agency from submitting the information you request.

We regret the inadvertent delay in replying more promptly to your communication.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

WALTER REID WOLF  
Deputy Director

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